

with an injunction supposes immediate control in sub- and laws of the as His Excellency could be done last sky. And it has efforts of the Leg- Gov. Morton and military which till now for rea- ad in view of what sign of the Federal imitate State legis- sovereignty by far different pur- and loyal citizen usurpation of pow- ers of Federal effort at such ty- every such fully knowing; duty required, either, or both, and do- riotism; but, in do- ing, and submit to internal strife shall those who shall sus be determined ned, is to be fore- y that God in his p pass; but, never vigilance may save died in New Eng- central and western if die it must; let ies be heard in Indi-

APOLIS.
held on the 20th. P. Mooney of Jack- n; were put in non- directors; and Sam'l R. W. Aikin of Sul- Greene, and A. L. Directors. roen, of Knox, Sam- and John F. Reid, of ction, elected Pris- ern State Prison n, James H. Swaar, gy., of Tippecanoe, State Prison of the Indiana State a Printer, over B. B. to 56.

Our artillery replied at every convenience which made the enemy resume his rearward move.— On we marched in this manner until the sombre clouds of evening bade us await the morning light.

then were ordered to the right, to take our place in battle line. We now rested on the extreme right—the post of honor—and bivouacked for the night in a beautiful cedar grove, within a half mile of 30,000 ragged dupes.— From the numerous picket fires of the enemy it was learned that he was massing his forces in our front, consequently prompt measures were taken to avoid a surprise. Our picket line was strengthened, and instructions given for them to act as skirmishers, should the enemy appear, after which, our troops, though within so short a distance of the wily foe, stretched their wearied forms to rest beneath the canopy of heaven. Everything was still, save the moaning of the forest winds through the branches of the distant trees, which breathed a low and plaintive wail, and seemed to prophesy of evil.

The sentinels stood motionless, peering with anxious eyes into the curtain of night, watching the many manœuvres of the mighty force which were now taking position in front with a view of attacking our small force.

All passed smoothly and quietly, until about 3 a. m., when a shot from one of the sentinels on our right brought our whole force into line, in which position they remained an hour, and then withdrew to prepare their morning meal. While the sombre clouds were vanishing a sharp fire broke out on our right, sweeping down our line like a hurricane. Our reserve now snatched their guns and again formed into line, meantime Gen. Kirk and others moved up to the line to ascertain the meaning of this sharp clatter, and upon looking a few rods beyond our line saw columns by battalions, six battalions deep, rushing with hurried steps on our line, here we lay, no support to fall back on.

Gen. Johnson was nowhere to be found, consequently our little force were obliged to do as best they could. They bravely bated their bosoms to the storm of lead, which swept through the ranks like hail, carrying to earth its hundreds; but our men stood like marble walls, and never gave an inch until they were within almost grasping distance;—then we fell back like soldiers, slowly and steadily, firing at every opportunity, until we had gone a half a mile to the rear, where we formed a line under cover of a fence, behind a corn field.— Here we lay and fired until the rebels reached the opposite side of the fence, when it was discovered that the last round had been fired, whereupon we were again ordered back, which was executed in "double quick" time, having to retreat through an open field, exposed all the time to a galling cross fire from the sur-

round, and God in his infinite wisdom intended to smite, in one moment, from existence his rebellious and disobedient people with "fire and sword." Gradually the deep-toned thunder faded away upon the distant—a death-like stillness prevailed everywhere around; all was hushed into silent solemnity. The melancholy sky. Your most obedient servant,

PENIX.

A GREAT SNAKE SERPENT.
HARRISONVILLE, Melgo Co., Ohio,
January 12, 1863.

To the Editor of Enquirer:

On the evening of the 7th of January, 1863, between sun set and dark, while the sun was yet reflecting its red light upon the western sky, a great phenomenon, with every proportion and similarity of a mighty serpent, presented itself in the southern sky. My wife, on going to the door, which was facing the south, discovered it, and called me to see this new comer. We know not how long it may have been visible before we saw it; but from the time we first discovered it, until it vanished or became extinct, I carefully scrutinized it. It had no visible motion, but remained in the same place until it faded entirely away. The evening was cold and the sky perfectly clear. By the aid of a north and south line between and position in the heavens. This wonderful monster only approximated the said north and south line with its head. This I determined by the fence on said line, beneath its head.— Its whole body hung back on the western side of said line, pointing due west. It gradually elevated from tail to head, as if it had crawled up from the earth, at an angle of about thirty degrees, until it approached the line mentioned, where it bowed or bent its wonderful neck (precisely like a road serpent.) Looking higher up into the Eastern heavens. The whole serpent as it laid, semi coiled, appeared to be from five to six rods long, possessing twelve or thirteen coils, or half coils; the coils were as natural looking as ever I saw them in the coils of a black snake. The whole monster was a bright color, like the moon. It was indeed as complete a representation of a great serpent as could be imagined—well proportioned, with the natural taper, both at tail and neck. Its main body appeared to be about between the thickness of a large man's thigh and a common man's body.

Now, this is really a large snake story; but it is no joke nor fiction. I have described this wonderful stranger just as it presented itself to my view. I learn that others in the vicinity have seen it also. Have we any Daniels who can interpret this stranger's mission? Can it be South Carolina's Flag, Serpent strayed or ran away to the State of Ohio? If it is, tell her to come and get it; we wish to harbor no fugitive reptiles, black or white.

I send this to you for publication; if you wish, you can do so.

This monster remained about five minutes. It could not have been a meteor, certainly.

A Subscriber, M. L. P.

Officers belonging to the southwestern army say that, including everybody, the loss at Murfreesboro is 40,000.

The February term of the Common Pleas Court for this county commences on the 16th of that month. Those intending to commence suits to that term have but little time to do so.

secret societies in the State of Ohio. The question was pending at the adjournment.

A communication from Gov. Morton, saying that he had delivered his message once, not irregularly; that he would not deliver it again; was laid on the table.

Bills were introduced up to No. 61.

Communication from the Treasurer of State in reply to an inquiry of the Senate. The amounts paid out between the April 17th and May 30th 1861, for military purposes were:

From the contingent and military contingent fund,	\$47,170.83
Out of military fund,	49,810.96
Out of State arms fund,	12,232.59
Whole amount,	\$109,214.38

The report was referred to the Committee on Finance.

The joint resolution to amend the Constitution so as to enable cities and towns &c., to levy and collect special taxes for school purposes, was debated at length, and finally passed.

The Message of the Governor and accompanying documents were sent in by his Excellency and laid on the table until to-morrow.

Thanks to the surgeons and nurses of soldiers of the State of Indiana, was passed.

The Senate went into joint session with the House in the afternoon.

HOUSE—JAN. 21.

Resolutions were adopted for the furtherance by the general government of agricultural interests; calling on the Treasurer of State to report why he has not distributed the bounty fund voted by the last Legislature for the organization of the militia; relative to the President of the Board of Benevolent Institutions; asking the Attorney Gen. to give an opinion whether Wallace had not vacated said office by accepting a position under Secretary Chase.

The greater part of the day was consumed in the discussion of Mr Gregory's resolution to investigate as to secret societies.

A letter from Indianapolis advises us that the contested seats in the Senate will probably be decided in favor of the sitting members.— We presume that although the law is with the contestants, the Senators fear republican howls and back down.

NEW YORK LEGISLATURE.

In the Lower House there have been over 100 ballots for Speaker, but without success. The proceedings on the 15th inst. are without a parallel in the United States; they were equal to the scenes witnessed when the French monarchy was in the last agonies of dissolution; when the halls of legislation echoed the discordant cries of an infuriated mob; as they trampled under foot laws and precedents.

The following brief extract from the N. Y. Tribune show what is being done; it requires no comment: "When the journal was read by the Clerk, (abolitionist) the resolution offered by Mr. Sherwood, (dem.) and adopted the day previous, was found to read—that the vote for

The contested Illinois was decided by Brandt.

There were reports ago, that a Federal its way to Vicksburg.

order of the Secretary of the State Supreme brought before the Court, on a writ of The steamers V are making preparations Alabamian.

Deserters from C had lately been troops at that point cept of pay, but t forced to return to

THE N.

A despatch from great excitement, news from the arm between Richmond appears that Gen. individual who rec Washington, prev by Gen. Burnside. tend taking proper A Admiral Porter Mississippi, and go At last advices for forces were embark the river, and the his departure.

The republican legislature are threats unless they can ha The legislature w and spend Saturday It is believed at River will be the nessee.

There is a doubt Marauder and a been captured by The reported c French is without latest advices, the that point.

The halens cor Court of Wisconsin Supreme Court of view; during the The fleet sent capture Galveston force of 2,500.

The republican Legislature have n U. S. Senator. T Ohio Legislature will be chosen.—